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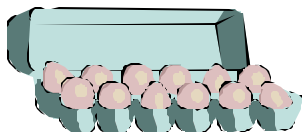
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Throughout the country, prices were mostly higher to occasionally unchanged on the larger sizes. The medium and smaller sizes were usually unchanged to instances slightly higher. The market tone ranged steady to instances firm, mostly steady. Retail demand was fair to good, with continued promotional activity generating best movement. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to well balanced. Breaking stock supplies were usually sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were more than sufficient for current needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 7 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to 2.5 cents higher for mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 7 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to 2 cents higher for mediums, when based on previous week average prices. Prices paid to producers in New England were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was moderate to good, best where items were featured. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced on all sizes. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for the mostly light demand. Light type fowl were more than sufficient for slaughter schedules.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand ranged moderate to good, best where featured. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to well balanced.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 7-8 cents higher for the larger sizes, unchanged to 1 cent higher for medium, and were not changed for small. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was fair to at times good, best for planned and ongoing features. Features noted were 18 pack large for 77 cents and one dozen larger for 33 cents both features are running June 11-13. Food service movement was mostly good. Supplies were adequate to in good balance for all sizes. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the light to moderate trading and demand. Most breakers were satisfied with existing inventories and company owned production. Finished product demand was fair. Trade sentiment was steady.

CHICAGO All prices unchanged. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Retail and food service demand moderate to fairly good. Supplies adequate to in close balance.

SOUTHERN Prices were sharply higher in Atlanta and Florida. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Retail demand was mostly fair to moderate entering the week, best for the scattered feature activity. Supplies of all sizes were well balanced to about adequate. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending June 9, 2000, was 57.30 cents, 6.06 cents more than last week, but .36 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the good to mostly light demand. Offerings of light type fowl were sufficient for processing schedules.

WESTERN Prices 7 cents higher on jumbo, extra large and large, unchanged on medium and small in California; 8 cents higher on the large sizes, 3 cents higher on medium in the Northwest. The Pacific region inventory was 1% higher than last Monday with California up 3% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 4%. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings in fair balance.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	98-100	90-92	63-65
New York	68-70	65-68	52-55
Philadelphia	63.5-68	61.5-66	51-52
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	59-60	57.5-59	45-46
Jackson (1)	69-70	67-68	54-55
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	69-81	65-79	49-63
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	57-62	56-61	41-46
Detroit (2)	54-57	53-56	37-40
Major Ohio Cities (2)	55-61	54-59	38-44
Major Wisconsin Cities	58-65	56-63	41-48
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	77-79	72-74	56-58
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	97	90	74
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 7 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large; unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 3% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings adequate. Small invoice price 54. Ads in Northern California: major- extra large dozen 2 for \$4, large dozen 69-149, buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- large dozen 89.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE			
JUMBO	113		
EXTRA LARGE	97		
LARGE	90		
MEDIUM	74		
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE		RANGE	
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	219-249
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	195-239
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	189-219
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	149-185

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending June 16, 2000 will decrease by 15 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending June 09, 2000 were 257,780 cases which was 8 percent below the prior week and 7 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	221,908	35,872	257,780
% change from the prior week.....	-7	-10	-8

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Trading and demand light to moderate for the adequate offers. Most buyers satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production. Finished product demand noted as fair. Schedules fulltime. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	30-34	30-32
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-19	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were lower on heavy spent hens compared to the past week. Demand was light for any additional offerings of heavy fowl. Finished sales were sluggish with current schedules easily covering needs. Trade sentiment was weak.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-JUN-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-15	7-9	8.57

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority trading was unchanged from a week earlier. However, prices were generally trending lower. Demand remained light as offerings were fully adequate for processors needs. Processing schedules were only about normal as sales of canner product were slow to clear. The market tone was barely steady to weak.

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FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-JUN-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.75-14.5	5.75-8.25	7.71
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM June 12,2000
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.2	11.0	5.4	10.9	43.5
	Change	0.2	-0.2	-1.0	2.7	9%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.6	28.8	9.2	24.8	101.5
	Change	-2.7	-1.8	0.3	4.0	1%
Large	Curr Wk	25.4	60.1	46.4	71.4	276.8
	Change	-1.1	3.1	5.2	3.4	5%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.0	32.9	21.2	26.6	124.7
	Change	2.3	1.9	1.7	-1.6	6%
Small	Curr Wk	4.8	6.7	2.5	7.3	26.9
	Change	1.0	1.1	-0.5	0.6	6%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.0	22.8	6.3	10.4	51.0
	Change	0.2	2.5	0.7	0.3	11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	20.8	32.1	15.4	22.9	129.7
	Change	2.0	-20.5	-1.5	-3.1	-20%
Total	Curr Wk	93.8	194.4	106.4	174.3	754.1
Percent	Change	2%	-7%	5%	4%	0%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	754.1	0%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	389.4	-14%	39
Total Shell Egg	1143.5	-5%	209

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 29, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	163	159.9	150.9	109.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MAY 29, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	127	127	117	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JUNE 09, 2000

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
27.50								6.25				33.75			
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	39.00	—	—	36.00	—	3.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	54.50	58.00	3.00
GNR W 4	—	—	29.25	30.50	32.00	33.00	3.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	40.00	1.50
GL W XL	—	—	—	52.50	49.00	—	2.25								
GL W LG	—	—	46.00	48.00	—	—	5.00								
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	29.57	31.00	3.50								
GL W SM	—	31.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	33.23	34.85	13.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 06/03/00-06/09/00

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
123.50								50.25				173.75			
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	38.25	51.50	40.17	42.44	49.00	—	53.50	GNR W 1	—	53.89	—	—	—	—	28.50
GNR W 2	—	—	—	46.00	39.00	42.00	6.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 3	—	39.00	—	—	36.00	—	3.50	GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50
GNR W 4	—	—	28.60	29.90	29.50	30.50	7.00	GNR BR 1	—	52.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	41.50	42.50	—	57.00	3.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	75.00	76.00	.50
GL W XL	—	—	—	52.20	47.25	53.00	11.25	GL W XL	50.75	—	—	—	—	59.00	.50
GL W LG	—	54.86	44.33	46.00	46.00	—	20.50	GL W LG	49.75	55.00	—	—	55.33	57.17	11.00
GL W MD	28.50	33.75	34.25	36.71	29.30	30.78	15.25	GL W MD	31.96	—	—	37.50	—	38.87	8.50
GL W SM	—	30.67	28.25	29.50	23.50	25.00	5.75	GL W SM	27.00	—	—	—	—	33.00	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	39.50	32.00	—	33.79	35.11	23.00	GL BR LG	39.00	—	—	—	—	47.00	1.00
								NRBS - 45	26.25	28.50	—	—	—	—	2.00

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 05/28/00 - 06/03/00**Origin**

State	CA	CO	IA	MI	MN	MO	NH	OH	OR	TX	UT	WA	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	810	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	626	0	1,740	0	179	3,355
C. CA	810	720	7,080	0	1,650	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	10,326
S. CA	0	2,358	7,940	950	820	1,450	860	1,630	0	810	1,685	0	0	18,503
TTL STATE	1,620	3,078	15,020	950	2,470	1,450	860	1,630	626	810	3,425	66	179	32,184

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	79-82	71-74	44-47	18-21

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
62-65	53-59	51-56	35-40	31-35

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
37-39	23-25	21-23

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
71.00	60.53	50.18

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	06/05/00	05/29/00	06/07/99
PACIFIC COAST	449	449	148
LOS ANGELES	349	359	90

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

PRICES DELIVERED

TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR JUNE 06, 2000:

	CARTONS	WTD AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.36
LARGE	143-150	148.14
MEDIUM	124-135	132.10
SMALL	105-109	106.04

Receipts from the mainland: 05/28/00-06/03/00
30-dozen cases 3,665

Receipts from the mainland: 05/21/00-05/27/00
30-dozen cases 3,888

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